

URGING CAUTION ON FURTHER AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN CO- LOMBIA

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, this is the day! March 29, 2000, is the day that, unless something changes, this House of Representatives will decide to become involved in a lengthy and expensive military action in the country of Colombia.

There are a lot of questions that we do not know about plan Colombia, but we do know this, that at best it will take us 6 years to do the job, and probably twice that length. It will involve us in supporting a military action against guerillas on the left and narco terrorists on the right. Also, it will cost billions and billions of dollars, all without a full hearing and all without a full national debate.

This should not be a partisan issue, Mr. Speaker. Today I will vote for the Obey amendment which will say, at least let's put the brakes on \$500 million of this appropriation until we know what we are doing. We ought to be fully informed, and the American people ought to be fully informed, before we embark on a course of action which will last for decades and cost billions of American dollars with doubtful results.

CONGRESS MUST PASS SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the passage of sensible gun safety legislation. These laws would help bring an end to the many unnecessary deaths occurring at the hands of our children and upon our children.

We promised the American people commonsense gun control. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction, engaging in a war of words only. Now the Congress must act responsibly and at least insist that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

In my district in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun safety. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact handguns, penalizing firearms straw sales, and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms.

Yet here in Congress we will not even take the minimum steps, such as child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children. We can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children's lives remain at stake. We must pass gun safety legislation,

and demand that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

LET US PASS H.R. 7 AND PROVIDE AMERICAN CHILDREN A GOOD BASIC EDUCATION

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the airplane, the theory of relativity, the polio vaccine, Mr. Speaker, all of these discoveries occurred during the 20th century, and they have changed our society. None of these extraordinary accomplishments would have been possible without a basic education.

Yet, as we begin a new century, American children striving to achieve great things already start at a disadvantage. Our Nation's education system ranks well below other industrialized nations. In fact, in math and science, our 12th graders rank among the lowest in the world.

In a nation as great as America, there is no excuse for this. American children deserve more. That is why I support H.R. 7, legislation that allows family to set aside money tax-free for proven education improvements such as tutors, computers, and books. Fifty-two million families of school-age children, 76 percent of whom attend public schools, would benefit from this bill. It is time we prepared our children to succeed in the 21st century. Let us pass H.R. 7.

MEMBERS SHOULD SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO AD- DRESS GROUND FISHING DIS- ASTER FOR WEST COAST FAMI- LIES

(Mr. WU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, the House today will take up a supplemental appropriations bill which shows tremendous disrespect for hard-working rural coastal community families on the West Coast of the United States. There is a groundfish disaster occurring on the West Coast because a Federal agency has basically shut down groundfishing on the West Coast, causing several thousand families hardship.

There were funds in this bill which have been removed, and despite a bipartisan amendment proposed to restore those funds sponsored by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) and I, by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. KUYKENDALL), this amendment was not made in order.

I intend to bring this amendment to the floor of the House today. I ask the support of my fellow Members to ad-

dress this groundfish disaster that is drastically affecting West Coast hard-working rural community fishing families. It is a commonsense bipartisan proposal to address a true emergency that is occurring today.

UNNECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND UNWISE MILITARY ADVENTURISM IN CO- LOMBIA

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the current budget this year authorizes an expenditure of \$1.789 trillion. We would think that would be enough. The President has asked for an additional \$4 billion. After the House leadership thought about this, they decided to give him \$9 billion.

Quite frankly, I think there is enough waste and fraud in the current budget that we could find the \$4 billion if this expenditure were necessary. If we ever considered cutting back on some unconstitutional spending, we would have plenty of funds to take care of additional expenditures and have a lot left over.

But we should be very cautious about what we are doing today by expanding our involvement in Colombia. We are now moving into Colombia and spending a lot of money and expanding our war in this area. We should not be spending our money on military adventurism. We should be taking this money and spending it to build up our military defenses. We should be using this money to pay our military personnel more money, give them better housing and better education and better medical care.

What we are doing today, if we pass this bill, is we are going to move into another area of the world where we have no constitutional interest.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 356, nays 47,

answered "present" 1, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—356

Abercrombie	Doolittle	LaFalce
Ackerman	Doyle	LaHood
Allen	Dreier	Lampson
Andrews	Duncan	Lantos
Archer	Dunn	Largent
Armey	Edwards	Larson
Baca	Ehlers	Latham
Bachus	Ehrlich	Lazio
Baker	Emerson	Leach
Baldacci	Engel	Lee
Baldwin	Eshoo	Levin
Ballenger	Etheridge	Lewis (CA)
Barcia	Evans	Lewis (KY)
Barr	Ewing	Linder
Barrett (WI)	Farr	Lipinski
Bartlett	Fattah	Lofgren
Barton	Fletcher	Lowe
Bass	Foley	Lucas (KY)
Becerra	Forbes	Lucas (OK)
Bentsen	Ford	Luther
Bereuter	Fossella	Maloney (CT)
Berkley	Fowler	Maloney (NY)
Berman	Frank (MA)	Manzullo
Berry	Frelinghuysen	Martinez
Biggert	Frost	Mascara
Bilirakis	Gallely	Matsui
Bishop	Ganske	McCarthy (MO)
Blagojevich	Gedenson	McCarthy (NY)
Bliley	Gephardt	McCollum
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	McGovern
Blunt	Gillmor	McHugh
Boehlert	Gilman	McInnis
Boehner	Gonzalez	McIntosh
Bonilla	Goode	McIntyre
Bono	Goodlatte	McKeon
Boswell	Goodling	McKinney
Boucher	Gordon	McNulty
Boyd	Goss	Meehan
Brady (TX)	Graham	Meek (FL)
Bryant	Green (TX)	Meeks (NY)
Burr	Green (WI)	Menendez
Burton	Greenwood	Metcalfe
Buyer	Hall (OH)	Mica
Callahan	Hall (TX)	Millender-
Calvert	Hansen	McDonald
Camp	Hastings (FL)	Miller (FL)
Campbell	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Gary
Canady	Hayes	Miller, George
Cannon	Hayworth	Minge
Capps	Herger	Mink
Capuano	Hill (IN)	Moakley
Cardin	Hinchey	Mollohan
Carson	Hinojosa	Moore
Castle	Hobson	Moran (VA)
Chabot	Hoeffel	Morella
Chambliss	Hoekstra	Murtha
Clayton	Holden	Myrick
Clement	Holt	Nadler
Clyburn	Hooley	Napolitano
Coble	Horn	Neal
Collins	Hostettler	Nethercutt
Combest	Houghton	Ney
Condit	Hoyer	Northup
Conyers	Hunter	Nussle
Cook	Hutchinson	Obey
Cooksey	Inslee	Olver
Cox	Isakson	Ortiz
Coyne	Istook	Ose
Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Cubin	Jackson-Lee	Oxley
Cummings	(TX)	Packard
Cunningham	Jenkins	Pascarell
Danner	John	Pastor
Davis (FL)	Johnson (CT)	Paul
Davis (IL)	Johnson, E.B.	Payne
Davis (VA)	Johnson, Sam	Pease
Deal	Jones (NC)	Pelosi
DeGette	Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)
Delahunt	Kanjorski	Petri
DeLauro	Kaptur	Phelps
DeLay	Kelly	Pickering
DeMint	Kennedy	Pitts
Deutsch	Kildee	Pombo
Diaz-Balart	Kilpatrick	Pomeroy
Dickey	Kind (WI)	Porter
Dicks	King (NY)	Portman
Dingell	Kleczka	Price (NC)
Dixon	Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)
Doggett	Kolbe	Radanovich
Dooley	Kuykendall	Rahall

Regula	Shimkus	Tierney
Reyes	Shows	Toomey
Reynolds	Shuster	Towns
Rivers	Simpson	Trafigant
Rodriguez	Sisisky	Turner
Roemer	Skeen	Udall (CO)
Rogers	Skelton	Upton
Rohrabacher	Smith (MI)	Velazquez
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Vento
Rothman	Smith (TX)	Walden
Roukema	Smith (WA)	Walsh
Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Wamp
Royce	Souder	Watkins
Rush	Spratt	Watt (NC)
Ryan (WI)	Stabenow	Watts (OK)
Ryun (KS)	Stearns	Waxman
Sanchez	Stenholm	Weiner
Sanford	Stump	Weldon (FL)
Sawyer	Sununu	Weldon (PA)
Saxton	Talent	Wexler
Scarborough	Tanner	Weygand
Schakowsky	Tauscher	Whitfield
Sensenbrenner	Tauzin	Wicker
Serrano	Taylor (NC)	Wilson
Sessions	Terry	Wolf
Shadegg	Thomas	Woolsey
Shaw	Thornberry	Wynn
Shays	Thune	Young (FL)
Sherman	Thurman	
Sherwood	Tiahrt	

NAYS—47

Aderholt	Hefley	Sabo
Baird	Hill (MT)	Sandin
Bilbray	Hilleary	Schaffer
Bonior	Hilliard	Stark
Borski	Kingston	Strickland
Brady (PA)	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Brown (OH)	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Chenoweth-Hage	Markey	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Moran (KS)	Thompson (CA)
Crowley	Oberstar	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Pallone	Udall (NM)
English	Peterson (MN)	Visclosky
Filner	Pickett	Waters
Gibbons	Ramstad	Weller
Gutierrez	Riley	Wu
Gutknecht	Rogan	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—30

Barrett (NE)	Hulshof	Quinn
Bateman	Hyde	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Salmon
Clay	Kasich	Sanders
Coburn	Klink	Scott
Crane	Kucinich	Slaughter
Everett	LaTourette	Spence
Franks (NJ)	McCrery	Vitter
Gekas	McDermott	Wise
Granger	Norwood	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2418, ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, Members will want to know that this afternoon a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of April 3 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2418, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by 12 noon on Monday, April 3, to

the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Commerce.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to assure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3908, 2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 450 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 450

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 58, lines 9 through 17. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment printed in part A of the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report. The amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for